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We desire to secure the services of a local agent in every Southern State in the Union. Will our friends act, or procure the services of some efficient person in their behalf? Believing that the circulation of the Democrat may be materially extended, we make this appeal to our friends in their behalf.

## UNION CONVENTION.

At a meeting of the Union members of the Legislature, in the House of Representatives, on Monday evening, February 16th, 1863, on motion, Hon. Joseph R. Underwood was called to the Chair, and John B. Bruner, appointed Secretary.

After a free and full consultation, it is recommended to the Union Democracy of Kentucky, that they assemble in Convention, through their delegates, in the city of Louisville, on the 18th day of March next, and nominate suitable persons as candidates to fill the various State offices, to be chosen at the next August election. It is further recommended that the people meet, at some convenient time and place, in their respective counties, and appoint delegates to represent them in the Convention.

J. R. UNDERWOOD, Chairman.  
JOHN B. BRUNER, Secretary.

## Have we a Representative Man?

Revolutions and great disturbances generally are said to produce extraordinary activity of mind and to begethized by extraordinary developments of genius. In the political world there is usually one who appears to be the incarnate spirit of the times, who, by his life and actions, typifies the collected will of the many. Our disturbances seem, however, to have produced no such marked character. There is no one in either school who seems to be a representative man. The reason of this may be that the causes of the rebellion were not such as attracted the sympathy of the people, and that their wishes have not yet been expressed. The time has not come, perhaps, for them to be spoken. Upon our side, however, this excuse is not available, as the duty of crushing a causeless rebellion seems undeniable. We have only a crowd of mediocrities, or, if any genius is to be found, he has been jealously excluded from display. The only General we have who seems to have fully satisfied expectation is Rosecrans. In him the skill and energy necessary to success, the discipline, yet care, required to secure the affection and confidence of the soldier, and the strict adherence to his duties, are alone to be found. He had what is perhaps equally essential to success, and what is perhaps the consequence of these qualities—the name of a lucky General. His career has been uniformly brilliant. Yet we care not to presume that he has not had to contend with the obstacles which have obstructed the successes of other Generals. After a successful campaign in Western Virginia, which placed him in the highest rank for military merit, and which we took occasion to commend long since as it deserved, he had to learn that kissing goes by favor.

The abolition pressure upon the Administration demanded that the pet of the ultra should have a chance to redeem his reputation; and a mountain department was established, which included the country in which Rosecrans was employed, and over which Gen. Fremont assumed command.

By this one of the best, if not the best, soldier in our army was left with his sword idle at the most important time. Whether he objected to being thus superseded and serve under Fremont, or whether a sense of delicacy made the Administration see the injustice of putting him under Fremont, we cannot say. We think it likely he objected. His services were unacknowledged. Politicians were daily made Major Generals, and it seemed for a while that he was to be quietly dropped. Even his own State (Ohio) seemed little interested in him, and he was without friends in court. Several months passed this way until the removal of Washington, gave Rosecrans an opening. All of this time the rebels, with that keenness which thrashing gives, were fully aware of his ability; and when taunted for not attacking him at Corinth, replied that Rosecrans was not a man to be trifled with.

They made the attempt, and the country found more victories to add to their list of triumphs. Tardy justice was at length done. The merits of the successful General and his achievements in Western Virginia were acknowledged. The Government had been three months in hearing of those successes. But even this seems to have come in response to a public demand, as the country was amused by a censure from the General, who dug his way in thirty days to Corinth, that Rosecrans was too slow in pursuit of the defeated enemy.

His lack of ostentation, his quiet and unassuming manners, and his want of friends at court, have prevented his name being heralded with the ostentatious glorification of other leaders who have flamed up occasionally, like an expiring candle, to suddenly die in a disagreeable smother.

Of all the officers we have, we think that to Rosecrans belongs the peculiar merit of being the people's General. His genial abilities were his favor, and their favor has rewarded him. Fortunately the politicians never tried to aid him, and the radicals hardly thought him of sufficient importance to injure. He was slightly in the way of Fremont and was superseded, but this arose from no hostility to him, but merely because he was in the way. His removal created no stir at Washington. His appointment to command in Grant's Department gave a quiet satisfaction. Citizens only remarked that it was good.

We do not pretend to say that Rosecrans is the "coming man." Who that mysterious individual is we cannot yet know, but we can say that for gallantry in the field and skill and energy, he now stands unrivaled, the most meritorious officer in the active service. Since McClellan's removal, there is none that can compare with him.

eyes of the public now! We don't know why this is! Perhaps it is like the gradual company raised in Lexington a few years ago. The standard was to be five feet eleven inches. The Captain excused him not filling up the ranks very fast, on the grounds that he was waiting for the men to grow. Our great men seem to grow slowly, perhaps the reason for this can be given that the men in Congress were not chosen for the emergency. They gained their places by the petty acts of creating prejudices and arousing the basest passions, and are incapable of rising above this level.

There may be, among the conservatives, some who ought to command the applause of people, but circumstances have been unfavorable. Success is the touchstone of merit and it is itself sometimes the cause of superiority. They have had little chance to gain this since the war began. Yet we must say, if there is a Clay or a Douglas among them, he has been very successful in retaining his obscurity. If there is a giant-like in Congress he has certainly been wearing Jack's invisible coat, and the parchment has lost none of its qualities by this.

The radicals, however, have no excuse. They have had every opportunity. Like the monkey that climbed the pole, the higher they got the more they have shown. To think that, with the destinies of the first Empire of the world in their hands, with the lives and fortunes of living millions, and millions yet to come, confided to their care, they have done nothing that would satisfy any one but Diogenes in his tub, and that if that cynic philosopher were to light his candle in daylight, he would bend his steps in any other direction than towards the White House to find an honest man! They make noise enough. They are as thundering as a bull bellowing in an empty barrel—but it is all noise. This Congress, with its pretensions, its squabbles, its large attempts and useless performances, deserves an epitaph, and as it is soon to adjourn, we borrow an old one for its benefit: Parturient montes, nascetur ridiculus mus.

UNANIMOUSLY ACQUITTED.—Col. John W. Blake, of the Fortieth regiment Indiana volunteers, who was charged with drunkenness and disobedience of orders, at the battle of Stone River, by his immediate commander, Acting Brigadier General Wagner, and reiterated by his division commander, Brigadier General Harsh, has been unanimously acquitted by a Court of Inquiry, and ordered to return to duty. The following officers composed the Court: Brigadier General Chas. Croft, President. Col. Stanley Matthews, Fifty-first Ohio. Col. S. G. Harter, Sixty-fifth Ohio. Col. Alex. Christopher, Sixth Ohio. Col. Young, Twenty-sixth Ohio. Col. Waterman, One Hundred-thirty-fifth Ohio. Lieut. Col. Lyne Starling, Assistant Adjutant General and Chief of Staff to Major General Crittenden, Judge Advocate.

Col. Blake was subsequently ordered to report to Camp Chase, Ohio, as a parolee prisoner, to await a proper exchange.

According to the new United States Bank bill, one-half of its capital of \$300,000,000 is to be divided among the States and Territories according to representative population, and the other half according to existing bank capital and business. By this arrangement the little New England States, that have already a large surplus of bank capital, get a great deal more, while the great Western States, that have never had enough bank capital to keep the rate of interest below usurious rates, get comparatively very little. The thing works beautifully, as will be seen by comparing the little State of Rhode Island with the great State of Ohio. Rhode Island, under this part of the arrangement, \$745,000, and Ohio \$2,092,000. This was probably done to carry out the doctrine: "To him that hath shall be given," &c.

It appears by yesterday's dispatches from Washington that the Administration has determined to carry through Congress a finance measure authorizing loans to the amount of about \$1,000,000,000, in the shape of bonds, treasury notes bearing interest, and treasury bonds, in interest, in sundry forms, and with devotion to the Treasury, and faithful to the Secretary of the Treasury, get the dictate. This alone shows the utter hypocrisy of the pretense that the United States Bank bill was necessary to enable the Government to carry on the war, as well as the other pretense that it was necessary to the establishment of a uniform and better currency. What wonder is it, when there is such wretched management of the finances, that the hearts of true patriots sink within them?

The new United States Bank bill, which has passed both Houses of Congress, not only gives aid about specie payments. The issues of these banks are made lawful currency of the United States, and the branches are required to redeem their issues in lawful currency of the United States. The holder of these notes can only get his pay in kind! No wonder gold goes up!

We appeal to the Democrats of the Northern States not to allow their disgust for the imbecile and wretched Administration at Washington to lead them into hostility to measures necessary to the salvation of the Government. As things now are, we are satisfied that the only way to secure an honorable peace is to fight for it.

The burning of the mules that were on the freight train which the rebels destroyed on Thursday morning, near Woodburn, was certainly an outrage too utterly despicable for comment. It was as despicable in view of the suffering it caused upon the poor, helpless animals as it was disgraceful to the wretches who perpetrated the crime.

On Wednesday there was an immense and enthusiastic Union meeting in Indianapolis, which was addressed lengthily by Hon. Andrew Johnson. The Governor took an unconditional ground for the Union and in favor of a vigorous prosecution of the war.

Gov. Johnson, of Tennessee, will address the Legislature of Ohio on Monday next.

NOTICE TO THE JOURNAL.—Yes, sir; that horse is sixteen feet high!

A RIDE IN A STEAM CARRIAGE.—Mr. Sylvester H. Roper, of Roxbury, Massachusetts, has invented and completed a steam carriage, which, according to report, subverts the mode for which it was made. A recent trial of this innovation upon the "old style" was very successful. It passed through Boston, and, meeting a car on the horse railroad, turned off from the track, and went around the car, with as much ease as if drawn by a horse. On a smooth road or on the rail, with sixty pounds of steam (the usual amount), the carriage can be run at the rate of twenty miles per hour. The weight of the carriage is six hundred and fifty pounds.

Lucille Western has filed a bill under the National copyright law, in the Baltimore courts, against George Kunkel, theatrical manager, and Samuel E. Ryan and Kate Denin Ryan, his wife, for an injunction restraining the defendants from performing the play of "East Lynne," dramatized by C. W. Taylor, Esq., and purchased by complainant; and also for damages.

## The Last Fight at Fort Donelson—A Reliable Account.

(Correspondence of the Louisville Democrat.)  
FORT DONELSON, Feb. 13, 1863.

Messrs. Editors: I have just made a visit around the fort, and have never seen any fortification so grand a relic. I cannot see how our troops ever forced an entrance into this place. At a glance any one would suppose it would take at least 300,000 troops to support all the points, with the outposts adjacent, to fully protect the whole works from a frontal attack by a heavy force. To say nothing of the brilliant victory of our arms in February last, the battle that has just taken place I consider one of the most brilliant of the whole war. The situation of the ground around the fort is a regular circle, with a crest of a high ridge covering an area of about three miles, which overlooks the entire ground within a circle of about three miles. The enemy, confident of success, made a general charge on Colonel Harding in command, Lieutenant Colonel B. J. F. Brodhead, who, with their little band, decided from the first appearance of the enemy, to conquer or die. 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